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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Bravo Vasquez and Hill

Serial No.: 09/876,944

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Filed: June 8, 2001

Examiner: To be assigned

For: **METHOD FOR THE DEPOSITION  
OF MATERIALS FROM  
MESOMORPHOUS FILMS**

Attorney Docket No.: 8317-120-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment. Accompanying this preliminary amendment are: a copy of the changes to the specification as amended herein (Exhibit A); an executed declaration and power of attorney. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 4, insert the following paragraph:

*A*  
This application is a continuation-in-part of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/875,957 filed June 6, 2001.

**REMARKS**

The amendment to the specification is for the purpose of claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to copending application serial number 09/875,957, of which this application is a continuation-in-part. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by way of this preliminary amendment and Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendment and remarks be entered and made of record in the instant application.